

Easter 2017
“The Compassion of Jesus”

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Message Notes: Aldersgate UMC



Early on Sunday morning, as the NEW DAY was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went out to visit the tomb...the angel spoke to the women. “...He isn’t here! He is risen...”

Matthew 28:1-6 (NLT)

Sympathy – Feeling Pity for someone’s misfortune

Empathy – Sharing the feelings of another

Compassion – Shared feelings of another compels us to help.

The Lord is full of compassion and mercy.

James 5:11 (NIV)

The Compassion of Jesus

1. I need God’s compassion when I Mess Up.

All of us make a lot of mistakes. If someone doesn’t make any mistakes when he speaks, he would be perfect. James 3:2 (GW)

Jesus answered, “... I tell you the truth, before the rooster crows, you will disown me three times!” John 13:38 (NIV)

Peter Denied Jesus 3 Times

John 18:15-18, 25-26

“I did not come to judge the world, but to save it.”

John 12:47 (NIV)

O Lord, you are so good and kind, so ready to forgive, so full of mercy for all who ask your aid. Psalm 86:5 (TLB)

2. I need God’s compassion when I’m On Empty.

The Death Of Lazarus

Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if only you had been here, my brother would not have died.” John 11:21 (NLT)

Jesus saw her weeping and saw the other people wailing with her... “Where have you put him?” he asked them. They told him, “Lord, come and see.” Then Jesus wept. The people who were standing nearby said, “See how much he loved him!”

John 11:33-36 (NLT)

He replied, “What is impossible for people is possible with God.” Luke 18:27 (NLT)

3. I need God’s compassion when I’m Afraid.

Two Criminals

Two others, both criminals, were led out to be executed with him. When they came to a place called The Skull, they nailed him to the cross. And the criminals were also crucified—one on his right and one on his left. Luke 23:32-33 (NLT)

One of the criminals hanging beside him scoffed, “So you’re the Messiah, are you? Prove it by saving yourself—and us, too, while you’re at it!” Luke 23:39(NLT)

The other criminal protested, “Don’t you fear God even when you have been sentenced to die? We deserve to die for our crimes, but this man hasn’t done anything wrong.” Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your Kingdom.” And Jesus replied, “I assure you, today you will be with me in paradise.”

Luke 23:40-43(NLT)